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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed October 28, 2002, and prior to examination for the concurrently-filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE), please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 21, 26, 27, 34, 37-39 and 50 as follows:

21. (Amended) An apparatus for collecting tax data comprising:
- means for connecting electronically an electronic intermediary to a tax data provider;
 - means for collecting electronically tax data from said tax data provider;

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